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MATTIE KOSKELA FUNERAL
 Funeral services were held Monday afternoon for Mattie Henry Koskela, 69-year-old retired paper mill worker, who died at his residence in Pecan Saturday afternoon. A native of Finland, the deceased came to the United States 48 years ago, having lived in Jackson County for 44 years. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Matt Koskela of Pecan; three sons, Arni Koskela of Route 1, Pascagoula; Olavi and Nello Koskela of Pecan; six daughters, Mrs. Aili Hamilton, St. Elmo, Ala.; Mrs. Fannie Thomas, Moss Point; Mrs. Jennie Hamilton, Pecan; Mrs. Helen Ecklund, Kreole and the Misses Helen and Toni Koskela of Pecan, and 25 grandchildren.

Added by Linda Ellis

Matt Henry Koskela

BIRTH 10 Jun 1882
 Isokyrö Municipality, Ostrobothnia, Finland

DEATH 24 May 1952 (aged 69)
 Pecan, Jackson County, Mississippi, USA

BURIAL Finnish Lutheran Church Cemetery
 Kreole, Jackson County, Mississippi, USA

MEMORIAL ID 43963421 · View Source

Family Members

Spouse



Susanna Adele Koskela
 1888–1978

Children



Arnie John Koskela
 1910–1992



Aili Koskela Hamilton
 1912–1995



Olavi Matti Koskela
 1916–1987



Jennie Koskela Hamilton
 1918–1962



Nelo J Koskela
 1919–1960



Helen Koskela Eklund
 1926–2007



Toini Rauni Koskela
 Howard
 1930–2005

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FATHER

MATT KOSKELA

JUNE 10. 1882

MAY 24. 1952

REST IN PEACE



The Chronicle star the Moss Point advertiser., May 30, 1952, SECTION ONE, Page SIX, Image 6

Outstanding Pupils Graduation Monday

achievement in piano, Forbes Hays; in vocal music, Elaine Rhodes; in orchestra, John Martin and in band, Norma Faye Goff.

Rehearsals Start For Benefit Show

Rehearsals for a three-act production, "Flying High," with a cast of home talent are under way.

Presentation is scheduled for Thursday in the Pascagoula high auditorium and June 5 in Moss Point high auditorium.

Cast in principal roles are Grady Upton as town constable; Miss Amelia Pickett, aristocrat of the town; Mrs. Norman Lyons, a Negro maid; N. C. Everett, professor Barnsmeller;

Elsie Larsen, an old maid and J. C. Sanford, town miser.

The cast numbers about 100. As part of the play there are dance numbers, one of which is a school skit with members of the Odd Fellows dressed as juveniles.

Finale will be crowning of "prince" and "princess" Pascagoula and Moss Point.

The production is directed by Eunice Vanders under auspices of Rebekah Lodge No. 42. Proceeds will be for the benefit of the lodge.

M. H. Koskela, 69 Claimed By Death

Mattie Henry Koskela, 69, died Saturday at his residence in Pecan.

A native of Finland, he came to the States 43 years ago and had been a resident of Pecan for 44 years.

He was a retired employee of the Moss Point mill of International Paper Company.

Services were held Monday at the Finnish Lutheran church at Kreele with the Rev. E. M. Duck officiating. Interment was in the Finnish cemetery.

Pall bearers were Jack Pikka, John Haarle, Uno Siurua, Ed Siurua, Willie Sakas and S. Watjus.

Survivors are his widow, three

sons, Arni, Rt. 1, Pascagoula, Olavi and Nelo, Pecan, and six daughters, Mrs. Aili Hamilton, St. Elmo, Mrs. Jennie Thomas, Moss Point, Mrs. Jennie Hamilton, Moss Point, Mrs. Jennie Toini Koskela and Miss Toini Koskela, all of Pecan and Mrs. Helen Ecklund, Kreele.

Mrs. W. H. Steele Dead In Miami

Mrs. W. H. Steele, 76, died suddenly last Tuesday in Miami following a heart attack at the home of her daughter Mrs. Charles Wenzel, with whom she has made her home for two years.

Mrs. Steele was mother of Mrs. Lewis Nichols of Gauthier whom she visited frequently and where she had a wide circle of friends.

Funeral services were held Friday at Fairhope, her former home. In addition to her daughters, she is survived by three other daughters and two sons.

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Susanna Adele' Koskela

BIRTH 14 Apr 1888
DEATH 26 Jan 1978 (aged 89)
BURIAL Finnish Lutheran Church Cemetery
Kreole, Jackson County, Mississippi, USA
MEMORIAL ID 44725293 · [View Source](#)

Family Members

Spouse



Matt Henry Koskela
1882–1952

Children



Arnie John Koskela
1910–1992



Aili *Koskela* Hamilton
1912–1995



Olavi Matti Koskela
1916–1987



Jennie *Koskela* Hamilton
1918–1962



Nelo J Koskela
1919–1960



Helen *Koskela* Eklund
1926–2007



Toini Rauni *Koskela*
Howard
1930–2005

Created by: LJH

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SUSANNA ADELE' KOSKELA

APR. 14. 1888

JAN. 26. 1978

NÄHDÄ SITTEN



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Fannie *Koskela* Nunn

BIRTH	14 Dec 1913
DEATH	26 Aug 1959 (aged 45)
BURIAL	Finnish Lutheran Church Cemetery Kreole, Jackson County, Mississippi, USA
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EDITH DAUGHTER & SISTER

FANNIE KOSKELA
NUNN

DEC. 14, 1913
AUG. 26, 1959



Fannie Koskela Nunn

BIRTH: 14 Dec 1913 Isokyro Municipality, Ostrobothnia, Finland

DEATH: 26 Aug 1959 (aged 45)

Burial: Finnish Lutheran Church Cemetery in Kreole, Jackson County, Mississippi, USA

Sister to Matt Henry Koskela

Born in Isokyro Municipality, Ostrobothnia, Finland.

She is listed as Matt's daughter in his obituary. This is a mistake. His obituary also leaves out his daughter, Thyne Koskela (Twin to Toini Koskela).

Family Files – Koskela, Matt H. & Koskela, Fani A.

For printed copies of the 1910 and 1930 census relating to Matt H. Koskela, see

MS – Jackson Co- Finnish

“1910 Jackson County, MS Census – Birthplace Finland” records

For printed copies of the 1930 census relating to Matt H. Koskela and his sister Fani A. Koskela, see

MS – Jackson Co- Finnish

“Database: 1930 US Federal Census”

For information on the community where Matt and Fani Koskela lived, the Pecan Community (Pecan Land Co.) and a photo of a now demolished home from the community, see

MS – Jackson Co- Finnish

“Reflections of Dr. Samuel Wasson Siusua” Pages 4-6

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Olavi Matti Koskela


BIRTH 24 Feb 1916
DEATH 6 May 1987 (aged 71)
BURIAL Finnish Lutheran Church Cemetery
 Kreole, Jackson County, Mississippi, USA
MEMORIAL ID 43963156 · View Source

Parents' names provided by David Sprinkle.


Family Members

Parents

 Matt Henry Koskela
 1882–1952

 Susanna Adele Koskela
 1888–1978

Spouse

 Eunice Jane *Hamilton*
 Koskela
 1914–1990

Siblings

 Arnie John Koskela
 1910–1992

 Aili *Koskela* Hamilton
 1912–1995

 Jennie *Koskela* Hamilton
 1918–1962

 Nelo J Koskela
 1919–1960

 Helen *Koskela* Eklund
 1926–2007

 Toini Rauni *Koskela*
 Howard
 1930–2005

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KOSKELA

Olavi Matti Koskela, 71, 09401 Hall Road, Grand Bay, Ala., died Wednesday, May 6, 1987. Mr. Koskela was born Feb. 24, 1916, in Pecan, Miss. He was retired from International Paper Company and member of Pecan Methodist Church.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Eunice Jane Hamilton Koskela, Grand Bay; a son, Earl L. Koskela, Moss Point; a daughter, Juanita Koskela

Porter, Pascagoula; a brother, Arnie J. Koskela, Forts Lake; four sisters, Aila Hamilton, St. Elmo, Ala., Helen Eklund, Moss Point, Thayne Brown, Pecan, and Toini Howard, Franklin Creek; three granddaughters, Theresa Porter DeAngelo, Dena Porter Nelson, and Leslie Ann Koskela; a grandson, Terry Roy Porter; three great-granddaughters, Courtney DeAngelo, Amy Nelson and Ashley Nelson; a devoted niece, Charlotte Hamilton Ladnier, Grand Bay; a host of other relatives and friends.

Visitation was last night, May 7, at Holder-Wells Funeral Home from 6-9 p.m.

Funeral service will be today, May 8, at 4 p.m. in the funeral home chapel with the Rev. Jimmy Roy Creel and the Rev. James Kornegay officiating.

Interment will be in Finnish Lutheran Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Orie Hamilton Sr., Orie "Buddy" Hamilton Jr., Charles Allen Ladnier, Marion Brown, William E. Howard Sr., and Walter E. Eklund.

Arrangements by Holder-Wells Funeral Home, Moss Point.

KOSKELA

Eunice Jane Koskela, 76, of Grand Bay, Ala., died Friday, Feb. 16, 1990, at Singing River Hospital. She was a member of Orange Grove Methodist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Olavi M. Koskela.

Survivors include one son Earl L. Koskela of Moss Point; one daughter, Mrs. Roy (Juanita) Porter of Pascagoula; one brother, Orie Hamilton of Grand Bay, Ala.; a niece, Mrs. Charlotte Ladnier of Grand Bay, Ala.; and four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services are today at 2 p.m. at Holder-Wells Funeral Home with interment at Finnish Cemetery.

Holder-Wells Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

KOSKELA

Mrs. Eunice Jane Koskela, 76, 9401 Hall Road, Grand Bay, Ala., formerly of Pecan, died Friday, Feb. 16, 1990, at Singing River Hospital. She was born Jan. 29, 1914, in St. Elmo, Ala. Mrs. Koskela was a member of Orange Grove Methodist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Olavi M. Koskela.

Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, Earl L. and Carol Koskela, Moss Point; one daughter and son-in-law, Juanita and Roy Porter, Pascagoula; one brother, Orie Hamilton, Grand Bay, Ala.; a special niece, Mrs. Charlotte Ladnier, Grand Bay, Ala.; four grandchildren, Leslie Ann Koskleka, Teresa DeAngelo, Dena Nelson, and Terry Roy Porter; and three great-grandchildren, Courtney DeAngelo, Amy Nelson and Ashley Nelson.

Visitation was held Saturday, Feb. 17, from 6-9 p.m. at Holder-Wells Funeral Home.

Funeral service was held Sunday, Feb. 18, at 2 p.m. in the funeral home chapel with the Rev. Richard Stryon officiating.

Interment was in Finnish Cemetery, Orange Grove.

Pallbearers were Mark Earl Hamilton, William E. Howard, Marion Brown, Walter Eklund, Orey "Buddy" Hamilton Jr., and Allen Ladnier.

Arrangements by Holder-Wells Funeral Home, Moss Point.

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Eunice Jane *Hamilton* Koskela

BIRTH 29 Jan 1914
DEATH 16 Feb 1990 (aged 76)
BURIAL Finnish Lutheran Church Cemetery
Kreole, Jackson County, Mississippi, USA
MEMORIAL ID 43963288 · View Source

Family Members

Parents



Frank Hamilton
1876–1926



Annetta *Clark* Hamilton
1890–1956

Spouse



Olavi Matti Koskela
1916–1987

Siblings



Grady E Hamilton
1907–1989



Othmar Franklin
Hamilton
1909–1983



Edith Naomi *Hamilton*
Stork
1910–1976



Woodrow W Hamilton
1916–1986



Orie Herbert Hamilton
1920–2002

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Arnie John Koskela

BIRTH 22 Apr 1910
DEATH 9 Sep 1992 (aged 82)
BURIAL Orange Grove Cemetery
 East Pascagoula, Jackson County, Mississippi, USA
MEMORIAL ID 37836836 · View Source

Family Members

Parents



Matt Henry Koskela
 1882–1952



Susanna Adele' Koskela
 1888–1978

Spouse



Mamie Estelle *Stork* Koskela
 1909–2002

Siblings



Aili *Koskela* Hamilton
 1912–1995



Olavi Matti Koskela
 1916–1987



Jennie *Koskela* Hamilton
 1918–1962



Nelo J Koskela
 1919–1960



Helen *Koskela* Eklund
 1926–2007



Toini Rauni *Koskela* Howard
 1930–2005

Children



John Albert Koskela
 1930–1989



Melvin Dennie Koskela
 1933–1996



Anna Christine *Koskela* Ryan
 1935–1999



Leon Edward Koskela
 1939–1958



Anthony Koskela
 1947–1947

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Mamie Estelle *Stork* Koskela

BIRTH 21 Aug 1909
DEATH 28 Jan 2002 (aged 92)
BURIAL Orange Grove Cemetery
 East Pascagoula, Jackson County, Mississippi, USA
MEMORIAL ID 37836883 · [View Source](#)

children

Burnice
 John Albert
 Melvin
 Anna
 Leon
 Ronnie
 Mickey

Family Members









Parents

 Benjamin Harrison Stork
 1889–1961
 Lydia Corine *Clark* Stork
 1891–1980

Spouse

 Arnie John Koskela
 1910–1992

Siblings

 Benjamin Harrison Stork
 1911–1996
 Charles Vester Stork
 1914–1974
 John Wesley Stork
 1916–2006
 Joseph Graham Stork
 1919–2010
 Anna Augusta *Stork* Poole
 1922–1993
 Hermes Eugene Stork
 1924–1987
 Francis Elliott Stork
 1926–1998
 Robert Herbert Stork
 1928–1991

Children






 John Albert Koskela
 1930–1989
 Melvin Dennie Koskela
 1933–1996
 Anna Christine *Koskela*
 Ryan
 1935–1999
 ? Leon Edward Koskela
 1939–1958
 ? Anthony Koskela
 1947–1947



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Melvin Dennie Koskela

BIRTH 30 Jul 1933
DEATH 11 Apr 1996 (aged 62)
BURIAL Orange Grove Cemetery
East Pascagoula, Jackson County, Mississippi, USA
MEMORIAL ID 37836930 · [View Source](#)

Family Members

Parents



Arnie John Koskela
1910–1992



Mamie Estelle *Stork*
Koskela
1909–2002

Siblings



John Albert Koskela
1930–1989



Anna Christine *Koskela*
Ryan
1935–1999



Leon Edward Koskela
1939–1958



Anthony Koskela
1947–1947

Created by: Robert Reeves

Added: 2 Jun 2009

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Anthony Koskela

BIRTH 20 Jan 1947
DEATH 20 Jan 1947
BURIAL Orange Grove Cemetery
East Pascagoula, Jackson County, Mississippi, USA
MEMORIAL ID 70794867 · [View Source](#)

Family Members

Parents



Arnie John Koskela
1910–1992



Mamie Estelle *Stork* Koskela
1909–2002

Siblings



John Albert Koskela
1930–1989



Melvin Dennie Koskela
1933–1996



Anna Christine *Koskela* Ryan
1935–1999



Leon Edward Koskela
1939–1958

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Find A Grave, database and images (<https://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 17 January 2020), memorial page for Anthony Koskela (20 Jan 1947–20 Jan 1947), Find A Grave Memorial no. 70794867, citing Orange Grove Cemetery, East Pascagoula, Jackson County, Mississippi, USA ; Maintained by David Sprinkle (contributor 47391727) .

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Leon Edward Koskela

BIRTH 3 Aug 1939
DEATH 9 Aug 1958 (aged 19)
BURIAL Orange Grove Cemetery
East Pascagoula, Jackson County, Mississippi, USA
MEMORIAL ID 70794787 · [View Source](#)

Family Members

Parents



Arnie John Koskela
1910–1992



Mamie Estelle *Stork* Koskela
1909–2002

Siblings



John Albert Koskela
1930–1989



Melvin Dennie Koskela
1933–1996



Anna Christine *Koskela* Ryan
1935–1999



Anthony Koskela
1947–1947

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Aili *Koskela* Hamilton

BIRTH 29 Jul 1912
DEATH 25 Sep 1995 (aged 83)
BURIAL Odd Fellows Cemetery
Bayou La Batre, Mobile County, Alabama, USA
MEMORIAL ID 70971375 · [View Source](#)

Family Members

Parents



Matt Henry Koskela
1882–1952



Susanna Adele' Koskela
1888–1978

Spouse



Othmar Franklin
Hamilton
1909–1983

Siblings



Arnie John Koskela
1910–1992



Olavi Matti Koskela
1916–1987



Jennie *Koskela* Hamilton
1918–1962



Nelo J Koskela
1919–1960



Helen *Koskela* Eklund
1926–2007



Toini Rauni *Koskela*
Howard
1930–2005

Children



Othmar Franklin
Hamilton
1933–2018

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Jennie *Koskela* Hamilton

BIRTH 5 May 1918
DEATH 9 Dec 1962 (aged 44)
BURIAL Union Baptist Church Cemetery
 Grand Bay, Mobile County, Alabama, USA
MEMORIAL ID 50829979 · View Source

Daughter of Matt & Souna Koskela of Pecan, Mississippi.

Family Members

Parents



Matt Henry Koskela
1882–1952



Susanna Adele' Koskela
1888–1978

Spouse



Grady E Hamilton
1907–1989

Siblings



Arnie John Koskela
1910–1992



Aili *Koskela* Hamilton
1912–1995



Olavi Matti Koskela
1916–1987



Nelo J Koskela
1919–1960



Helen *Koskela* Eklund
1926–2007



Toini Rauni *Koskela*
Howard
1930–2005

Children



Mark E Hamilton
1944–2006



Brenda Kay *Hamilton*
Johnson
1956–2006



Nelo Allen Hamilton
1959–2018

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Added: 8 Apr 2010

Find A Grave Memorial **50829979**

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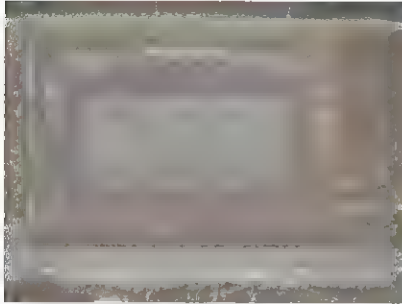


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Nelo J Koskela

BIRTH	6 Dec 1919
DEATH	16 Jul 1960 (aged 40)
BURIAL	Finnish Lutheran Church Cemetery Kreole, Jackson County, Mississippi, USA
MEMORIAL ID	43963345 · View Source

Family Members

Parents



Matt Henry Koskela
1882–1952



Susanna Adele' Koskela
1888–1978

Siblings



Arnie John Koskela
1910–1992



Aili *Koskela* Hamilton
1912–1995



Olavi Matti Koskela
1916–1987



Jennie *Koskela* Hamilton
1918–1962



Helen *Koskela* Eklund
1926–2007



Toini Rauni *Koskela*
Howard
1930–2005

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A dark, rectangular gravestone with a decorative border of carved leaves and flowers. The name and dates are inscribed in a central rectangular panel.

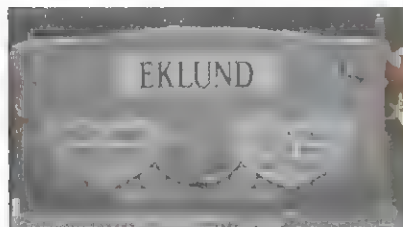
NELO J. KOSKELA

DEC. 6, 1919

JULY 16, 1960



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Helen *Koskela* Eklund

BIRTH	8 Oct 1926 Jackson County, Mississippi, USA
DEATH	29 May 2007 (aged 80) Pascagoula, Jackson County, Mississippi, USA
BURIAL	Finnish Lutheran Church Cemetery Kreole, Jackson County, Mississippi, USA
MEMORIAL ID	44733706 - View Source

Mrs. Helen Koskela Eklund, 80, of Forts Lake, Miss., died May 29, 2007, in Pascagoula, Miss.

She was born Oct. 8, 1926, in Jackson County.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Matti and Susana Koskela.

Interment in Finnish Lutheran Cemetery.

Family Members

Parents



Matt Henry Koskela
1882–1952



Susanna Adele' Koskela
1888–1978

Spouse



Walter Emory Eklund
1923–2019

Siblings



Arnie John Koskela
1910–1992



Aili *Koskela* Hamilton
1912–1995



Olavi Matti Koskela
1916–1987



Jennie *Koskela* Hamilton
1918–1962



Nelo J Koskela
1919–1960



Toini Rauni *Koskela* Howard
1930–2005

Inscription

Married June 4, 1945

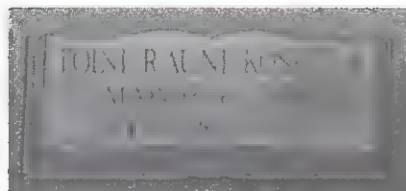


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Toini Rauni *Koskela* Howard

BIRTH	16 Mar 1930
DEATH	16 Apr 2005 (aged 75)
BURIAL	Finnish Lutheran Church Cemetery Kreole, Jackson County, Mississippi, USA
MEMORIAL ID	44749445 · View Source

Parents' names provided by David Sprinkle.

Family Members

Parents



Matt Henry Koskela
1882–1952



Susanna Adele Koskela
1888–1978

Spouse



William Edward Howard
1931–2011

Siblings



Arnie John Koskela
1910–1992



Aili *Koskela* Hamilton
1912–1995



Olavi Matti Koskela
1916–1987



Jennie *Koskela* Hamilton
1918–1962



Nelo J Koskela
1919–1960



Helen *Koskela* Eklund
1926–2007

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Added: 24 Nov 2009

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HOWARD

Mrs. Toini Kosela Howard, 75, of Franklin Creek community Miss died April 16, 2005, in Pascagoula, Miss. She was born May 16, 1930, in the Pecan community, and was a life long resident of Jackson County, Ms. Howard was a homemaker, devoted wife, mother, and grandmother.

Mrs. Howard was a member of the Christ Lutheran Church and the Finnish Lutheran Historic Society.

She was preceded in death by her mother and father, Matti and Susana (Karhu) Koskela.

Survivors include her husband of 46 years, Mr. W. E.

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Finnish Church Fall Gather October 12, 2019
Thyne (Koskela) & Marion Brown. Both Age 89



Finnish Church Christmas Silver Tea 2019

Thyne Brown (Koskela) Age 89





The Finnish community gathered for a photograph around 1940 at what was then First Lutheran Church of Kreole. They were: from left, first row, Eugene Pierce, Mary Pierce Cowart, Violet Laakso Morris, Edwina Howard Logan, **Thyne Koskela Brown**, William Edward Howard, **Helen Koskela Eklund**, **Toini Koskela Howard**; second row, Carolyn Siura, Matilda Siura, Sofia Saksa, Lempi Howard, **Susanna Koskela**, Hilma Koski; third row, Unidentified, Helmi Pierce, Olga Laakso, Fannie Seaman, **Fannie Koskela Nunn**, Sepu Watjus, William Koski and Arvi Haarala; fourth row, Leonard Lindquist, Sue Siurua, Elmer Watjus, unidentified, unidentified, Jack Pikka, **Matti Koskela**, Hilma Watjus, Pastor John Lindquist, unidentified, unidentified, Ed Siurua, and the last two unidentified. (Photo submitted by Joanne Anderson)

"But around the 1940s, the numbers dwindled," she said. "Many found that things spoiled or mildewed too easily here and returned back to the north. Eventually, the elders who had actually come from Finland began to die. Mrs. Susanna Koskela, who died in 1978, was the last true 'Finlander.'"

Featured in GulfLive.com article: First Finns came in 1899 - Finnish Lutheran Church of Kreole dates back to 1907 (Sampling History)

Source: http://blog.gulflive.com/mississippi-press-living/2012/07/first_finns_came_in_1899_-_fin.html

Behind Susanna Koskela's house.

L-R: Susanna Koskela, Mr. Eklund (?), Mrs. Koski, Mrs. Marthaler, Mr. Lindquist, Mrs. Laakso, Mr. & Mrs. Pikka, Saima Bosarge, Willie Saksa, Toini Koskela Howard, Fannie Seaman, Lottie Lindquist, Bill Laakso, Mr. Watjus



T.R. - MRS SAKSA - Mrs Hilden - Mrs Watkins - Grandma
BR - Mrs Julie - Mrs Koskela @ Koskela's



R-L Edwina Howard, Helen Koskela, Rev Hugo Hillila,
Lydia Bosarge



At the old Finnish Cemetery (now Magnolia Cemetery) off Old Stage Rd.

L-R: Mrs. Hilden, Mrs. Kulo, Mrs. Saksa, Mrs. Koskela, Mrs. Jylli.



The Jylli place. In loft left-right: Lempi Laakso, Aili Koskela, Fannie Koskela, Lila Laakso.



Taken at the Koskela's, probably during their "Silver Tea" which was a monthly meeting when they didn't have a pastor, consisting of scripture readings, songs, & prayers. And of course, pulla, cakes & coffee!

Back row L-R: Helmi Laakso, Lilja Laakso, Aino Watjus, Lempi Laakso, ?, Aili Koskela. Man may be Elmer Watjus? Not sure if the children but may be some Koskelas.





Staff Photos/Jerry Moulder

FINNS MET EACH YEAR at church on Bayou Canibest Road. This picture of the congregation was taken about 1940.



SILVER TEA — The Finnish Lutheran Church remains as important part in the lives of descendants of early Finns who settled in Jackson County. Keeping alive the custom of the silver tea include (nearest row from left) Elma Koski White, Lottie Landquist and Saima Saksä Bosargä. Other row (from left), Olva Walter Koski, William E. Howard and Toini Koskela Howard.



HEADS JAYCEES

Earl Koskela new president of MP Jaycees

Earl Koskela is new president of Moss Point Jaycees elected Thursday and Curtis Hebert is first vice president. James Page is second vice president, Sherrie Clark, secretary and Larry Toups, treasurer.

Directors are Paul Riviere, Harry Lane and Wayne Hawley and state director is Jimmy Bond.

A \$100. scholarship to a deserving senior of Moss Point High School was designated by a committee and the recipient will be named at graduation exercises.

Members of the scholarship committee are Koskela, Roland Harper, Doran Pack and Ed Wilkinson.

Secret ballots were collected for "Outstanding Jaycee of the Year." Voting will remain a secret until July 1 when the Jaycees and Jaycettes hold a joint installation of officers

Guard island after an radio call.

The youth, a sophomore Pascagoula High School, had praise for all who helped with the rescue operation, and particularly for Dennis Aikens, who held the spear steady so it would not penetrate further.

"He saved me a lot of pain," Mike said.

"I'm on crutches today — I hope to go back to school tomorrow," he added.

Mike and three others went to the island Friday and were joined by 20 other Sea Explorers of the Kiwanis-sponsored Ship 234 Saturday.

Immediate first aid was given by Skipper Jack Strahan, boatswain's mate Rob Ford, apprentice seaman John Jubinville and Aikens, a guest of the group.

Communications officer Jim Blair put out a distress call on the ship's citizen band radio unit.

He contacted the station operated by Mrs. Billy Moore of Gautier who notified the Coast Guard and Eddie McElroy, head of Pascagoula Rescue and Recovery Squad.

In less than an hour McElroy and Coast Guardsmen Gerald M. Anderson and Sheldon E. Sloan arrived at the scene on the west end of the island.

McElroy volunteered the services of his 18-foot speed boat which made the round trip in one hour and 15 minutes.

The injured Sea Explorer was placed aboard the boat, along with Richard Strahan who was suffering sun burn.

Aikens made the journey to hold the gig steady so movement would not further injure the leg.

Members of the sheriff's department, Pascagoula police and physicians Dr. George W. Hicks and Dr. Daniel J. Enger, who treated the boys before they were carried to Singing River Hospital with the boat.

Earl Leslie Koskela

Funeral: Memorial service at 8 p.m. Thursday at Holder-Wells Funeral Home in Moss Point.

■ MOSS POINT — Mr. Earl Leslie Koskela, 63, died Monday, Nov. 9, 1998, in Jackson.

Mr. Koskela was born Aug. 1, 1935, in Jackson County and was the former District Attorney for Jackson County. He was a graduate of Mississippi State University, the University of Mississippi School of Law and was a member of the Young Men's Business Club of Moss Point.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Olavi M. and Jane Hamilton Koskela.

Survivors include his wife, Carol Stewart Koskela of Moss Point; a daughter, Leslie Koskela of Jackson; and a sister, Juanita Porter of Pascagoula.

A memorial service will be at 8 p.m. Thursday at Holder-Wells Funeral Home in Moss Point where friends may call from 6 p.m. until service time.

The family prefers memorials to Mississippi State University Bulldog Club, Box BT, Mississippi State MS 39762.

KOSKELA

John A. Koskela, 58, 12420 Revolutionary Drive, Forts Lake, died Saturday. A commercial fisherman, Mr. Koskela was born Dec. 17, 1930, in Pecan community.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Helen Koskela of Forts Lake; a son, Anthony Allen Koskela of Forts Lake; two daughters, Diann Creal of Grand Bay and Tina Koskela of Forts Lake; three brothers, Melvin Koskela, Ronnie Koskela and Mickey Koskela, all of Forts

Lake; two sisters, Bernice Adams of Forts Lake and Anna Ryan of Grand Bay; four grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and other relatives.

Visitation will be tonight from 6 to 9 at Holder Wells Funeral Home in Moss Point.

The body will be taken to Forts Lake Assembly of God Church at 9:30 a.m. Monday. Funeral service will be at the church at 10:30 a.m. with the Rev. C.D. Cauley officiating. Burial will be in Odd Fellows Cemetery in Bayou La Batre.

Pallbearers will be Kirk Allen, Tracy Allen, Jason Creal, Brian Creal, Jimmy Stork and David Cain.

Darla Nicole Koskela
Moss Point High School



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Mom & Dad